

10 COMMANDMENTS FOR HUNTER'S FIELD SAFETY

1. Be positive of your target's identity before shooting, and be sure the area behind your target is clear.
2. Take time to fire a safe shot. If unsure, or if you must move too quickly, pass up the shot. When you wonder whether you should shoot - don't!
3. Use the right ammunition for your firearm. Carry only one type of ammunition to be sure you will not mix different types.
4. If you fall, try to control where the muzzle points. After a fall, check your unloaded gun for dirt and damage, and make sure the barrel is free of obstructions.
5. Unload your gun before attempting to climb a steep bank, travel across slippery ground, or attempting to climb a tree stand.
6. When you are alone and must cross a fence, unload your firearm and place it under the fence with the muzzle pointed away from where you are crossing. When hunting with others and you must cross a fence, unload the guns, so that they may cross safely.
7. Never use a scope sight as a substitute for binoculars. (Imagine the feeling if you discovered you were being looked at through a scope mounted on a gun.)
8. Alcohol, drugs and hunting do not mix. Drugs and alcohol may impair your judgment. Keen judgment is essential to safe hunting.
9. Beware of fatigue. When you are so tired that hunting is not fun anymore, go back to camp. Fatigue can cause carelessness and clumsiness, which can cause accidents. Fatigue can cause you to see things that are not there.
10. When you have finished hunting, unload your gun before returning to your vehicle or camp.